

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of co-pending application serial no. 10/180,239 which has been allowed. Applicant is canceling pending claims 1 through 6 and presenting herein new claims 7-14 for examination on the merits.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, please consider all the art cited in the parent application. For the Examiner's convenience a Form PTO-1449 listing all references submitted in the parent application is provided. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)(1) and (2) it is understood that provision of copies of these references is not necessary. However, if the Examiner needs a replacement copy of any cited reference it can and will be provided upon request.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of the instant application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

Applicant believes that no fees is necessary for the submission of this Preliminary Amendment, however, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees which may be required for this Preliminary Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4024-4011US2. **A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.**

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